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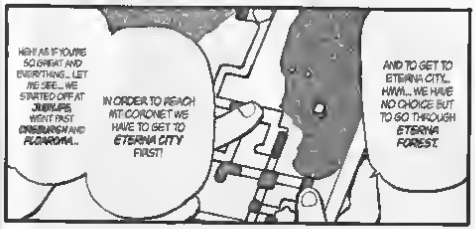
VS ROTOM

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

LAST KNOWN OF THE JUNON REGION
...AND A VAST OCEAN OF TREES KNOWN AS...
...ETERNA FOREST
THE NEVER ENDING LINES OF TREES FORM A NATURAL MAZE, WHICH, WHEN SHROUDED WITH...
...THE DARK AND EERIE ATMOSPHERE BENEATH THE CANOPY, REJECTS ANY WHO DARES SET FOOT WITHIN.
THIS PLACE IS SO DARK...
I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS NOW...
IS THIS THE ONLY PATH WE CAN TAKE?
ARE THERE ANY SHORT CUTS OR SOME-THING AROUND?
HEY! LISTEN TO ME!! AND STOP EATING!! DO YOU WANT ME TO PAY YOU A MILLION DOLLARS!?
MY FOOD!
OH, HUSH!
SURELY WE CAN FIGURE OUT THE ROUTE TO MT. CORONET WITHOUT MAKING SO MUCH NOISE!


HEH! AS IF YOU'RE SO GREAT AND EVERYTHING... LET ME SEE... WE STARTED OFF AT JUBILIFE, WENT PAST CANALAVE AND FLORAROMA...
IN ORDER TO REACH MT CORONET WE HAVE TO GET TO ETERNA CITY FIRST!
AND TO GET TO ETERNA CITY... HMM... WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH ETERNA FOREST.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE DETAILED PATHS OF THE FOREST ARE NOT RECORDED ON THIS TOWN MAP...
I WONDER HOW LONG WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WALK...
IS THAT SO? I SEE!
HA HA HA HA!

IT'S NOT HUMM...
???
I SEE NOW!

WHAT'S THE DEAL, DUDE? GETTING DISTRACTED BY FOOD AND COMICS NOW?! AND YOU'RE EVEN RELAXING ON TOP OF A RHINESHIFT SEAT WITH YOUR POKEMON...!!
BUT IT'S WRITTEN IN THE BOOK THAT WE SHOULD REST UP, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE AWHILE BEFORE WE REACH THE CITY!

AH! IT'S JUST A COMIC!
PHEW... I'M GLAD THE GIRL AT THE TOWER DIDN'T SEE IT...
SINJOH OMEGA SECRET SHOT: CYCLONE
IT'S THE SINJOH OMEGA SECRET CYCLONE... FINISH!!

TURTWIG CHIMCHAR
YEAH, MISSY... IT'S THE CARTOON THAT DIA'S CURRENTLY HOOKED ON.
HE'S... I DON'T KNOW... A GREAT FAN OF TELEVISION?
BUT IT'S SO AWESOME! I HAVEN'T MISSED A SINGLE EPISODE EVEN AFTER SETTING OFF ON OUR JOURNEY!
HMM?
DIA... YOU SAID "IT'S WRITTEN IN THE BOOK" THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE? WHICH BOOK DID YOU MEAN?
IN THE TRAVEL GUIDE, OF COURSE!
GEM! YOU'RE RIGHT!
"THERE IS NO WAY ONE CAN TRAVERSE THE ENTIRE ETERNA FOREST WITHIN A DAY. THERE ARE NO HOTELS OR INNS IN THE FOREST."
NO HOTELS OR INNS...
...IN THE FOREST.
ACK!!
SINNOH TRAVEL GUIDE

DIA... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!
HUH?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
MISSY, WAIT FOR US THERE, OKAY?

YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD US SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT MUCH EARLIER!
OH MY.
DASH

WHAT'S WRONG, PEARL?
THINK ABOUT IT, DIA! MISSY STAYS IN THE SUPER SUITE ROOMS OF HIGH-CLASS HOTELS EVERY NIGHT!

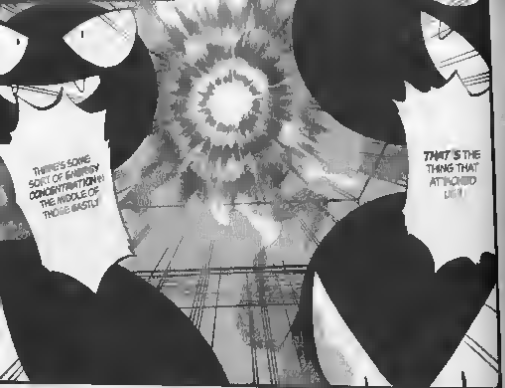
WHAT IF SHE CRIES AND THROWS A TANTRUM...
...BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO CAMP OUTDOORS?!

MAAAN~! I HATE IT WHEN WOMEN SHRIEK AND SCREAM.
I'M GONNA STAY OUT OF HEARING DISTANCE UNTIL SHE CALMS DOWN!
AH, PEARL!
KLONK

W-WHAT'S THIS?! THE TRAVEL GUIDE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A CHATEAU IN THE FOREST...
SOME CAVES, THERE
EXCUSE US!
T T-THEY VANISHED!! DID YOU SEE THAT, DIA!?
OH MY!
FIZZLE

THIS OLD CHATEAU LOOKS SO CLASSIC AND PRESTIGIOUS!
THEY SAID THERE WERE NO HOTELS, YET THEY STILL MANAGED TO FIND A PLACE FOR US TO STAY!
WHEN THEY WERE TRYING TO SURPRISE US!
ALL RIGHT. WE'LL STAY HERE FOR TONIGHT THEN.
EEH?!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...
POKÉMON TRADING! IT'S PRETTY FUN YOU KNOW?
YOU DON'T SAY!
SHALL WE TRY THAT?
ALL RIGHT HERE, TAKE MY MUNCHLAX.
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR HIM?
YOUR SOUUULL ~?!?
GYAAH! MOMMY!!!
BE SERIOUS, WILL YA?! I'M TALKING ABOUT EXCHANGING A POKÉMON FOR ANOTHER POKÉMON!
YOU DON'T SAY!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF CHATOT!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF MUNCHLAX.
OTHERWISE, I'LL TAKE REAL GOOD CARE OF CHATOT!!!
HEHEH! HEHEH!!!

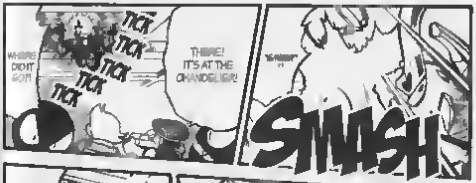
SILENCE
PHEW...WE ENDED UP STAYING HERE IN THE END, BUT MAN, THIS PLACE SURE IS SCARY!
I DID SOME EXPLORING JUST NOW... THERE WERE A LOT OF ROOMS, AND THEY WERE ALL SO SPOOKY!
THERE TWO PEOPLE WHO VANISHED IN THE AFTERNOON... I GUESS I WAS JUST IMAGINING THINGS?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, DAD?
MISSY ASKED ME TO BRING HER SOME TEA AND TREATS AT 3PM.
HUH?! SHE STILL HAS THE MOOD FOR HIGH TEA AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
THUD
THUD
AH!
YOU KNOW... OUR DOUBLE ACT JUST NOW...
IT FELT LIKE SOMEONE WAS WATCHING US, DIDN'T IT?
THERE IT IS AGAIN!
EHRR... IN ANY CASE LET'S JUST BRING THE TEA TO MISSY...
...AND HIT THE SACK RIGHT AFTER THAT!
APPEAR
WAAH!!
EEEK!!
CRACKLE CRACKLE
OW OW!
AGH
THE GASTLY ARE ATTACKING US!
NO, WAIT!


THERE'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY CONCENTRATION IN THE MIDDLE OF THOSE BASTS!
THAT'S THE THING THAT ATTACKED US!

YIKES! IT'S SO HOT AND BRIGHT!
IT'S LIKE PLASMA...!
THE POKÉDEX ISN'T REGISTERING ANYTHING! IT'S NOT A POKÉMON! DON'T TELL ME... IT'S A REAL GHOST?!
TICK TICK TICK TICK

USH!
CHANDO "FURY ATTACK"!!
SWOOSH
CHANDO! "SMASH"!!
SWISH
FLIP

IT'S NOT WORKING! THAT THING'S WAY TOO FAST!
TICK
MY POKÉMON CAN'T EVEN HIT IT!
NEVERTHELESS... IF WE LET IT GO UNCHECKED, IT'LL EVENTUALLY FIND ITS WAY TO MISSI!


WHERE DIDN'T IT GO?!
THERE! IT'S AT THE CHANDELIER!
"SMASH"!!
SMASH

IT WENT INTO THE OVEN NOW?!
TICK TICK
FROM THE OVEN...
...TO THE FRIDGE!
TICK
THE WASHING MACHINE!
TICK TICK
I SEE... THAT THING IS MOVING AROUND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES!

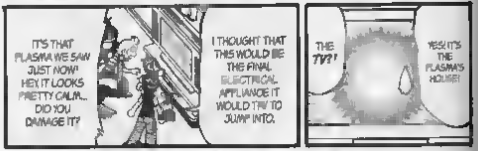
SMASH
IT'S MOVING AGAIN! THIS WAY, DARN IT! IF ONLY I CAN FIGURE OUT ITS MIGRATION ROUTE... WHAT NOW, DIA—
HOLE!
D-D-D-DIA'S GONE!!
I GOT SEPARATED FROM HER!!
DIA!!
DASH
DIA, WHERE ARE YOU?
MORE AND MORE GASTLY ARE STARTING TO GATHER HERE...
BIIIBBII
THE FURNITURE AND WINDOWS ARE TREMBLING!!

ERRGH! SHUT UP!!
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL A SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA!!
CLAMOUR

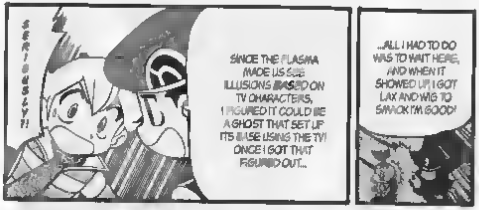
THE GASTLY ARE WRECKING HAVOC HERE AFTER BEING LURED BY THAT PLASMA!!
CLAMOUR
I HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
CLAMOUR
DIA!!
DIA!!

PAUSE
HUH? THE GASTLY ARE GONE AND, THE WHOLE PLACE HAS GONE QUIET ALL OF A SUDDEN...
CREAK
WHOA?!

DIA!!
HI, PEARL!
!!
THIS THING...


IT'S THAT PLASMA WE SAW JUST NOW! HEY, IT LOOKS PRETTY CALM... DID YOU DAMAGE IT?
I THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FINAL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE IT WOULD TRY TO JUMP INTO.
THE TV?!
YES! IT'S THE PLASMA'S HOUSE!

HOW DID YOU FIGURE THAT OUT?
THE CLUE WAS IN THE TWO VANISHING PEOPLE THIS AFTERNOON!
THOSE TWO...
...WERE ENEMY CHARACTERS FROM EPISODE EIGHT OF "TAURAVA OMEGA"!

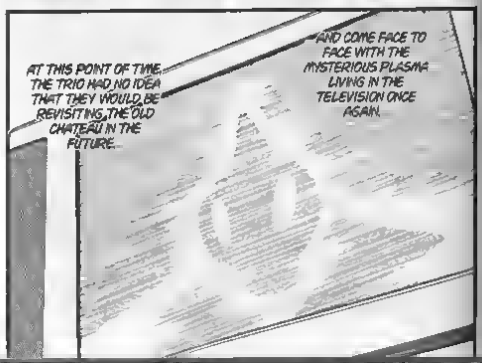

SERIOUSLY?!
SINCE THE PLASMA MADE US SEE ILLUSIONS BASED ON TV CHARACTERS, I FIGURED IT COULD BE A GHOST THAT SET UP ITS BASE USING THE TV! ONCE I GOT THAT FIGURED OUT...
...ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TO WAIT HERE, AND WHEN IT SHOWED UP, I GOT LAX AND WIG TO SMACK 'EM GOOD!

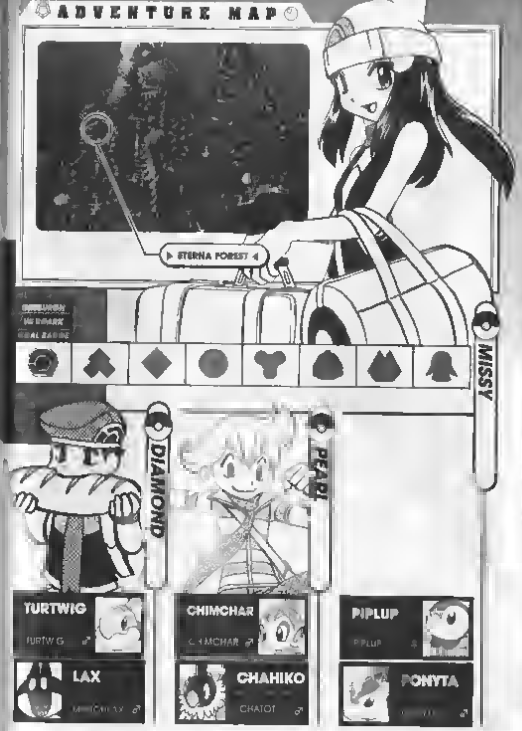
WAY TO GO, DIA!! LOOKS LIKE YOUR TV HABITS CAME IN HANDY AFTER ALL, EH?!
SLAP
SLAP
YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN MAKING A LOT OF NOISE SINCE JUST NOW... WHAT'S GOING ON?
AND IT'S ALREADY PAST 8PM! WHERE IS MY TEA?

OH, MISS! HERE YOU GO!
SWEET BEAN JELLY FOR YOU!
AND HERE, PEARL! A JELLY FOR YOUR BELLY!
AHA!
YOU LAUGHED JUST NOW, DIDN'T YOU?
NO! I DIDN'T

YOU SO DID TOO. I'M SURE OF IT!
NO! I DIDN'T!

NEXT MORNING
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
WE DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIGURE OUT WHETHER THAT "PLASMA" WAS A GHOST OR A POKÉMON IN THE END...
BUT OH WELL! WE'RE ALL IN ONE PIECE, AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!


AT THIS POINT OF TIME, THE TRIO HAD NO IDEA THAT THEY WOULD BE REVISITING THE OLD CHATEAU IN THE FUTURE...
AND COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE MYSTERIOUS PLASMA LIVING IN THE TELEVISION ONCE AGAIN.


ADVENTURE MAP
ETERNA FOREST
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
YURTWIG
CHIMCHAR
PIPLUP
LAX
CHAHIKO
PONYTA